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REPORT

TOPIC Beginning of Fall Exercises at the Koenigsbrueck Training Grounds

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1. At 1800 on 20 September 1954, armored personnel carriers 25X1
 towing 76.2-mm guns and armored personnel carriers 25X1
 towing 57-mm or 85-mm AT guns were seen en route to 25X1
Neues Lager (1323) at Koenigsbrueck. The column came from the 25X1
direction of Dresden. On 23 September, 12 trucks went from Lausnitz
toward Dresden and on 24 September, 6 trucks including 25X1
 with approximately 70 soldiers wearing 25X1
red-bordered black epaulets went from Sacka toward the training
grounds. On 24 September, approximately 20 T-34 tanks including
 6 tank trucks 25X1
 and 22 trucks and repair shop trucks left 25X1
the Nachrichtenschule (1521) toward Lausnitz Heath. Approximately
28 trucks towing 6 25X1
 and 2 field kitchens left Neues 25X1
Lager toward Bohra were seen.
Units from Oschatz, Riesa and Wurzen reportedly arrived on the
same day. Numerous tanks were assembled near Steinborn. At 0640
on 25 September, several trucks with pontoons and 1 amphibious vehicle
 went from Reichenbach toward 25X1
Bohra.
2. Fall maneuvers were to begin in the Koenigsbrueck area on 25 September
1954. A commission was expected to arrive from Moscow.¹ Unit 25X1
 was stationed in Neues Lager. Soldiers of the unit wore
red-bordered black epaulets;² Colonel Kershakov was chief of the
rear service stationed in Neues Lager.³
1. Comment. Troop movements, motor vehicle and posts 25X1
of the 9th Tank Div mentioned in this connection tend to indicate
that elements of army troops and all three divisions participated
in the fall exercises of the First Gds Mecz Army.
2. Comment. confirms the 40th Gds Tank Regt of the 25X1
11th Gds Tank Div until 25 September. The regiment had been believed
stationed in the Hermann Goering Kaserne (1302) in Dresden-Klotzsche.
The present information supports the assumption that the regiment
transferred to Koenigsbrueck in exchange for units of the 4th Gds 25X1
AAA Div. Several other indications show that the units of the First
Gds Mecz Army have been located as follows since the fall of 1953:

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11th Gds Tank Div:


1 medium tank regiment in the Nachrichten Schule (1521) in Koenigsbrueck as previously;
1 medium tank regiment in Neues Lager, Koenigsbrueck, previously in Hermann Goering Kaserne;
1 medium tank regiment in the Bohnitzsch Kaserne (1602) in Meissen;
the 1018th AAA Regt in the Bohnitzsch Kaserne in Meissen.

4th Gds AAA Div:

Hq and 2 regiments in the Dresden and Klotzsche areas, the bulk in the Hermann Goering Kaserne (1302).

9th Tank Div:

the 95th Tank Regt and the 216th (?) AAA Regt presumably in Camp Zeithain.

3.  Comment: In December 1953, Colonel Kershakov had already been reported as chief of administration in Neues Lager by another source.

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